GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5565
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001
MENTAL HEALTH ACT
DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Mental Health Act to provide fundamental rights to the persons suffering from mental diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith progress made in this regard;

(c) whether several requests have been received by the Government from various NGOs in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a decision is likely to be effective in all respects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to (d): No, Sir. Adequate provisions exist under the Mental Health Act, 1987, which came into effect from Ist April, 1993, to safe guard the fundamental rights of the persons suffering from mental illness.